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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, FJ

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT,  
DATED FEBRUARY 28 TO THE FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER. ORIGINAL  
BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO PRIME MINISTER.  
QUOTE:

2. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER  
OF JANUARY 10, 1978 REGARDING THE SITE OF THE INTER-  
NATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE THIRD  
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.

3. AS YOU POINT OUT, AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THIS  
INSTITUTION MUST HAVE CONGENIAL AND SECURE SURROUNDINGS,  
MODERN MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT, AND  
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ADEQUATE SUPPORT FACILITIES. IT IS CLEAR FROM YOUR  
LETTER AND THE BROCHURE YOU HAVE SENT ME THAT FIJI  
POSSESSES ALL THESE FEATURES, AS WELL AS BEING A NATION  
WHOSE PAST AND FUTURE ARE CLOSELY TIED TO THE SEA. I AM  
ALSO AWARE THAT FIJI IS THE HOST TO A NUMBER OF INTER-  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH THE SOUTH PACIFIC  
REGION.

4. AS YOU KNOW, THE SITE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CHOSEN UNTIL THE CLOSING STAGES OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR GENEROUS OFFER WHEN THIS ISSUE IS PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCE FOR FINAL RESOLUTION.

5. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES AND WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

6. REQUEST YOU DELIVER TEXT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE NOTING THAT ORIGINAL LETTER ON THE WAY. CHRISTOPHER

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